

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 5, 2007 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action, Claims 20-40 and 42 have been rejected, Claims 20-23, 25-27, 29-34, 36-38 40, and 42 are rejected and Claims 24, 28, 35 and 39 are objected to. The Applicant hereby amends Claims 20 and 30 and cancels Claims 21-24, 39, and 42. The Applicant has added new Claim 43. Reconsideration in view of the above claims and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection under U.S.C. § 102

Claims 20-23, 25-27, 29-34, 36-38 40, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Guenther or U.S. Patent No. 3,433,422. The Applicant respectfully traverses. However, to expedite prosecution of the present application, Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of objected-to Claim 24 and intervening claims 21-23. Additionally, the Applicant has amended Claim 30 to incorporate the limitation in Claim 39. Accordingly, Claims 20 and 30 are now in a condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully request reconsideration.

Claims 25-29 and 31-38 are dependent upon independent Claims 20, 30, respectively. For at least the reasons stated above, Claims 20, 30 and 40 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the dependent claims 25-29 and 31-38 are allowable for being dependent on allowable base claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 25, 26, 36, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable to Guenther. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, Claims 25, 26, 36

and 37 are allowable for being dependent on allowable Claims 20 and 30. Accordingly, Claims 25, 26, 36 and 37 are in condition for allowance.

New Claim

The Applicant has added new Claim 43 which incorporates the limitations of Claim 20 with objected-to Claim 28. Accordingly, new Claim 43 is allowable and allowance is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Reply is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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